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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Kouji MATSUSHIMA et al

Serial No.: 09/202,791

Filing Date: 22 December 1998

THERAPEUTIC AGENT FOR ACUTE For:

> LUNG INJURY RESULTING FROM INDIRECT CAUSES COMPRISING ANTI-IL-8 ANTIBODY AS ACTIVE

INGREDIENT

Examiner: Ware, D.

Group Art Unit: 1651

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE --EXAMINING GROUP 165

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Box AF **Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to a Final Office Action herein mailed 13 March 2001, time for response to which is set to expire 13 June 2001. A petition for an extension of time for three (3) months until 13 September 2001 in which to respond is attached herewith along with the required fee. Pending claims 1-29 and 31-44 were rejected and the rejection was made final. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and the following remarks are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.